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## Mercachem wins the Mercator Award

In a competition among 14 succesful University 'spin-off' companies, Mercachem was deemed to be the winner of the Knowledge Industry award!

A prominent jury of businessmen, scientists and academics selected Mercachem as being the most succesful company that has rapidly established a firm market position in a growing industry.

Specific characteristics were listed as follows by the jury:

- Mercachem has grown at an extremely fast pace for a company in the Pharma-Chemical Industry.
- Mercachem has an extensive network of solid multinational customers.
- Mercachem has grown from 2 to 100 FTE in just 10 years, and has highly specialised, academically advanced employees.
- Mercachem has ultra modern lab facilities and the very latest in technical equipment.
- Based on all of the above, Mercachem has outstanding potential to participate in leading discoveries in the Life Science industry.

The Mercator award is a joint venture between regional private and public entities, such as the Radboud University. Over the past twenty years at least 300 companies have successfully ventured out of the University, resulting in the employment of 4.000 knowledge workers in the Nijmegen area.

### About Mercachem bv:

Mercachem is a privately owned, independent contract research organization offering state-of-the-art synthetic chemistry services to accelerate the R&D process in a flexible and cost-effective way. Mercachem was founded in 1997 and currently employs 100 people in total. The company is located in Nijmegen, The Netherlands and moved to a brand-new laboratory facility of 3000m<sup>2</sup> in 2006.

Working for some of the major pharmaceutical and biotech companies in the world, Mercachem is recognized for its high quality products and services and its fast problem-solving capabilities. We apply modern research tools and methodologies. Excellent reporting and ongoing communication between the client and the project team is a vital part of the process. Speed and flexibility are important considerations in current research programs. By using our focused and client-oriented approach, we can meet the demands and deadlines of our clients. Projects are managed by experienced project managers and handled by experienced teams.

All services *are* provided on an exclusive basis. No rights on products or newly developed intellectual property will be retained. Innovation is part of our strategy to provide high quality products and services. This has led to the development and implementation of an Electronic Lab Notebook (ELN) and a 48 position parallel autoclave to increase our work and research efficiency.

Further information about the Company can be obtained at [www.Mercachem.com](http://www.Mercachem.com)

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